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SUBJECT: NEW YARG GOVERNMENT

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1. IF SULTAN TRIP DOES LEAD TO NEW ARMS AGREEMENTS, IT WILL LEAVE YAR PRESIDENT HAMDI IN STRONGER POSITION THAN EVER. HAMDI MIGHT THEN SEEK NEW GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO ONE WELL-PLACED SOURCE.

2. PRESENT GOVERNMENT STILL LIKELY TO CARRY ON THROUGH PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF NEW BUDGET WHICH IS DUE SOMETIME IN MAY. THAT MIGHT SEEM TO BE GOOD PLACE TO MAKE A BREAK WITH PAST. PRESENT GOVERNMENT SHOWING SOME SIGNS OF STRAIN AT TOP, DESPITE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MILDNESS OF PRIME MINISTER ABDAL AZIZ ABDAL GHANI (SANA A-3).

ABDAL AZIZ HAS PROBABLY DONE ALL HE CAN IN LINE OF COORDINATING MINISTRIES AND RALLYING POPULAR SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT HAMDI. HAMDI DOESN'T WANT STRONG LEADER IN JOB, BUT HE MAY THINK THAT NEW FACE WOULD
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SERVE HIS PURPOSES.

3. ANY NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE SAME GENERAL
MIX AS PRESENT ONE: WESTERN-TRAINED SOUTHERN TECHNOCRATS
WHO LOOK TO SAUDIS FOR DEVELOPMENT, A SMATTERING OF
LEFTISTS, AND A DECISIVE BALANCING ROLE FOR HAMDI.
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